SUBJECT No. 229.

Quarters for Government officers and officials at Shimoga.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In Shimoga, particularly since 1900, *i.e.*, after the outbreak of plague, many houses have been abandoned and are in ruins. Those in congested parts are quite unsafe for human habitation, and the few pretty good houses have been mostly occupied by the newly settled well-to-do areca merchants and others and practically no houses are available for Government officers and officials who are not natives of the place. It is with much difficulty and risk to their health and life, that incoming officers and officials have somehow to find accommodation. Want of accommodation sometimes compels them to leave their families behind when they come to Shimoga. It is therefore earnestly prayed that, in the interest of the public service, suitable quarters in healthy localities for all officers and some officials may be provided by Government at moderate cost on payment of suitable rent.

Reply of Government.—Houses should be built by local enterprise. Government cannot undertake to provide all officials with houses. If people build, Government will give some facilities and guarantee rent for a few years.

SUBJECT No. 230.

Lying-in-hospital at Shimoga.

Mr. S. Sitaramaiya, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The addition of a lying-in-hospital in Shimoga would be a great relief to the people of this part of the country, and particularly to the ignorant and poor class of people who suffer much for want of proper medical aid and convenience. This subject has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the Government.

The construction of the hospital may be expedited.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 231.

Grant from Provincial Funds for the Shimoga town.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a liberal grant out of Provincial Funds may be made at an early date for the sanitary improvements of the town including drainage and extended water supply.

Reply of Government.—This will be done as far as possible. The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

SUBJECT No. 232.

Deserted villages in Shimoga taluk.

Mr. P. Venkappiah, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There are several deserted villages in the Shimoga taluk, which have not been included in the scope of the Malnad Improvement Scheme. It is prayed that this depopulated area also may be brought under the operation of the scheme.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 233.

Conversion of Urdu schools into Anglo-Hindustani schools.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The Urdu schools in the district headquarters of Hassan, Chikmagalur and Shimoga may be converted into Anglo-Hindustani schools.

Reply of Government—Whatever possible will be done. The difficulty is to get eligible Urdu graduate teachers.